

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 929

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a criminal penalty for possession of a handcuff key by certain persons held in custody. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Susan W. Pope
Mary S. Rogeness	Susan Williams Gifford
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Robert S. Hargraves
John A. Lepper	Daniel K. Webster
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	Shirley Gomes
Elizabeth A. Poirier	Michael J. Coppola
Jeffrey Davis Perry	Todd M. Smola
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	Richard J. Ross

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT TO FURTHER PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after  
3 section 15A, the following new section:—  
4 Section 15B. Any prisoner or inmate of any penal or correc-  
5 tional facility in the commonwealth, whether being held in cus-  
6 tody for a court appearance, or committed to any penal or  
7 correctional facility in the commonwealth under a lawful order of  
8 a court, who is found in possession of a handcuff key shall be  
9 punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for a  
10 term of one year.